

OF HIS LADY'S TREASURES.

Break her darling eyes, as well
An ailing tooth of her hair,
And as I made a Villain.
I took her veins, a silver bell,
As clear as song, as soft as prayer
I took her darling eyes as well.

"It may be," said I, "who can tell?
These things shall be my loss dearest."
And so I made a Villain.

I took her whitest virgin,
And from her cheeks ran roses rare,
I took her darling eyes as well.

"It may be possible,
Her losses bring my heart to bear,"
And so I made a Villain.

I took her laugh, my musical,
I took her darling eyes as well,
And so I made a Villain.
—Erroll Daws in Overhill Magazine.

A HERO.

At about 2 o'clock on a raw, blistery March morning the inhabitants of the little village of Shukashinny on the upper Sungashmanas were roused from sleep by horse-shouts and by the violent ringing of the church bell. Men and boys flocked in haste, and a crowd soon congregated on the river shore.

There was good cause for excitement. The ice, which seemed comparatively firm on the previous evening, had broken during the night. The yellow tide, already swollen to many feet above its normal level, was almost hidden by the howling, grinding creaks. And worse of all this unexpected event had placed an unknown human being in peril. From Scrub Island came horse-shouts for help and at intervals the discharge of a gun. The red flashes could be plainly seen.

Scrub Island lay in midchannel directly opposite the village. It was hardly more than a bar, for nothing grew upon it but bushes. Near the lower end was a small cabin, which some of the village boys built for amusement out of driftwood. Here the castaway had probably taken refuge, and his situation was extremely critical. In a short time the cabin would surely be carried off by the rising flood and ice.

As the crowd were speculating on the unknown one's identity and discussing the hopelessness of rescue, Squire Tyson, the most wealthy and influential man of the village, came running down the shore.

"Jasper is on the island," he cried, wringing his hands in agony. "He went over this afternoon to shoot ducks and has not returned home. He must have fallen asleep in the cabin, and the ice has carried away his boat. Will no one save my poor boy? Are you all cowards?"

The unhappy man grasped a boat that lay bottom up on the shore and tried to drag it into the water.

"Last a dozen men caught and held him. You will only throw your life away," they cried. "No boat could move a dozen yards in that ice. We could save your boy if there was any chance at all."

The squire suddenly realized that this was true. Headed gazing mutely toward the island, his face rigid with despair. A group of pity burst from the crowd as another gun-shot was heard, followed by hoarse appeals for help. The tide rose higher and higher, but now clear spots were visible here and there, and all at once the river seemed to become free of ice.

The meaning of this was plain. The ice had formed a gorge somewhere upstream. Here seemed a chance of rescue, but no one was willing to take advantage of it. The crowd knew by past experience that the gorge would likely break in a moment or two, and then the flood ice would sweep everything before it like an avalanche. In vain the squire appealed to them. In vain the poor boy on the island cried for help. Not a man world risk what seemed certain death.

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A simultaneous cry of amazement burst from the crowd. Some cheered the daring lad; others warned him back. "God bless him!" cried the squire, bursting into tears.

Indeed, Curt Welsh was the last one any person would have believed capable of such a brave deed. He was an orphan and worked hard for a livelihood in a grocery store. The village boys, headed by Jasper Tyson, despised and hated him because he had persistently refused to join any of their mischievous depredations. He could never be induced to fight his tormentors, though Jasper and others dared him to combat many a time. So the boy gratified their malice by calling him the "coward," and by this epithet he was known in the village.

But the "coward" was unusually anxiousing his enemies now, and his progress was watched with breathless interest. No one expected to see him come back alive.

steadily the boat crept toward the island. Curt bent to the oars with all his might and managed to hold his own against the fierce current. Occasionally he glanced over his shoulder and was relieved to see no trace of approaching foes. The shore soon faded from view, and as he neared the island, he shouted cheerfully to give notice of his approach. Jasper sheathed hook and fired a bunch of grape to guide his rescue.

The water had already reached the cabin, and just as Curt swam the boat into the little eddy behind it he heard a grunting noise up the river and saw a white nose leaping into view. The grape had broken, and the ice was coming down with sweeping force.

Jasper stood in the cabin door, and when the floating grape of grass showed him the face of his rescuer he shouted with shame.

"You'll be ashamed, and that single word ends it."

"Don't say so bad," said Curt, hotly. "Jump in. Come across the ice, and we have a slim chance of dodging it."

True. Even as Jasper sprang to the boat the water leaped and roared, and the emblem of the dead avalanche descended to a roar. Half a dozen cakes of ice swirled by, rising and falling with the waves. Curt pulled straight down stream, while his companion clung to the stern of the boat, helpless with terror. But the case could not end in only one way. The line of broken ice came grinding on like a race horse, growling with fury. It snatched the cabin to frag-

ments and sped after the frail little craft that was striving so hard to escape. Jasper cried out with terror and held his hands before his face to shut out the awful sight. Curt stuck to the oars, but he knew nevertheless that escape was out of the question. His brave heart sickened at the thought of what would happen when the crashing ice came reached the boat.

Suddenly he saw something that roused a glimmer of hope. Twenty yards toward the left shore and slightly in advance of the avalanche floated a huge tree, evidently torn bodily from the soil. Its broad end, bristling with snake-like roots, was turned down stream, and here and there it thrust out thick limbs that served to steady it, like outriggers on a boat.

The opportunity was a good one, for the tree looked sufficiently strong and massive to hold its own against the turbulent ice. If the castaways could reach it, they stood a fair chance of escaping death. Curt's resolve was instantly formed.

"He roused Jasper from his stupor of fear and briefly explained what he intended to do.

"Now," cried Curt. "Jasper caught the dangling roots and pulled himself to a place of safety. An agile spring landed Curt beside him, and the next instant the boat was whirled off into the gloom. As the lad crept higher up the trunk, Jasper slipped and was precipitated into the water. In his struggles to keep from sinking he seized one of the roots and clung to it frantically, crying for help.

At the risk of his life, Curt crawled down, and with some difficulty rescued his companion. They lost no time in erecting snowshoes along the Cascade division of the Great Northern railroad line on both sides of the summit, and the forces will be increased as soon as possible so as to have them all completed before the 1st of November. The longest stretch on the line will be about a half mile west of Wellington.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

The night wore on, and when it broke the tree stranded on one of the piers of the Catawissa bridge. Willing hands rescued the castaways with ropes, and when they had recovered from their exposure they were sent home by rail, whether the glad news had already pre-ceded them.

It need hardly be said that Curt was never called a coward again.—William Murray Graydon in Hartford Courant.

AN ALL ROUND CRACKSMAN.

His Thieves Cover a Wide Field, From Caught Goods to a Tombstone.

Kansas City has developed one of the most unique thieves that has yet been heard of in real life. Several months ago the police force learned that a sneak thief was making depredations upon cellars and pantries and even on outfitting grocery stores, and carrying off canned goods and such edibles as were not perishable.

There were certain peculiarities about the rubbers that led the police to believe that they were all done by the same person, but there was no clue that they could follow to catch the thief. After amassing a goodly quantity of food on which to start to housekeeping the thief began on fuel, and whole cartloads were carried away, each case showing the evidences of the food thief. When a full supply of coal was taken, the thief turned his attention to furniture and carried off articles of all kinds, from light chairs to a heavy bedstead with mattresses. An entire bedroom set was taken from a house and no trace left. The family was absent for a night, and on their return they found their room despoiled.

Having furnished his bedroom and parlors, the depredator set about getting his kitchen in order, and first an iron chest was taken from a house in Armondale, and then a whole cartload of coal and whole cartloads were carried away, each case showing the evidences of the food thief. When a full supply of coal was taken, the thief turned his attention to furniture and carried off articles of all kinds, from light chairs to a heavy bedstead with mattresses. An entire bedroom set was taken from a house and no trace left. The family was absent for a night, and on their return they found their room despoiled.

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Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Michigan State Prison, the 1st floor of the Michigan State Prison, from M. H. Sorrell, A. D. McRae, or F. W. Wright, Oct. 13, 1893, for the labor of convicts for a term not less than five years nor longer than ten years from the date of sentence and after the first day of December, 1893.

Proposals will be received for the whole number of convicts or for any number of them for any time after.

All labor under the proposed contract must be performed within the prison yard within buildings which will be assigned by the state, and in accordance with the rules, regulations and discipline in force for the time being. Power will be furnished contractors at reasonable rates if desired.

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